



District 2 Update

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Downtown & Old Town Creative Problem-Solving



This architectural rendering represents the final look of the Family Transitional Housing Center that will house 147 people on Cortez Hill. Formerly a Day's Inn motel, the neighborhood has embraced the project and has donated time and money to make it's appearance consistent with the surrounding projects.

Downtown San Diego agencies have been aggressively working to increase the affordable housing stock and to support programs that are successful in assisting homeless families to become self-sufficient. With the help of the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) staff and the City of San Diego Housing Commission, projects are starting to come forward for approval that will include affordable unit components, subsidized rents and/or mortgage assistance to families.

In addition, transitional housing, which is the temporary bridge between emergency housing and assisted living or self-sufficiency, is in great demand. The average client in the current family shelter is a 27-year-old mother with two children. The City of San Diego's first transitional housing units will soon be in place on Cortez Hill. Formerly a Day's Inn motel, the City has purchased the building and begun the

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Focus in September: Midway and NTC

On The Docket

On Monday, July 30 is the second public City Council meeting of the year. The meeting will be at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Center, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. The meeting will begin at 5 pm.

Here are some upcoming agenda items:

July 30

The San Diego Library System will be comprehensively discussed at this meeting. Actions initiating the capital campaign and finalizing plans for the new Main Library will be voted upon by Councilmembers.
Docket #150

The Housing Authority will be asking for a vote to issue Multi-family Housing Bonds for the Island Village Apartments at 12th and Market. It will provide 240 affordable living units for downtown renters. *HA#5*

Little Italy Plans Piazza Basilone to Honor Veteran

Councilmember Wear joined other San Diego dignitaries in a ceremonial groundbreaking for Little Italy's Piazza Basilone on July 16. Located at Fir and India streets, the plaza will include a fountain, a bust of the Italian-American WWII hero John Basilone, and a list of Little Italy's "boys" who never returned from WWII. Also included will be others from Little Italy who have served in the military.

The City and County have participated in the funding of the new memorial, which was originally the idea of Mr. Tommie Avila.



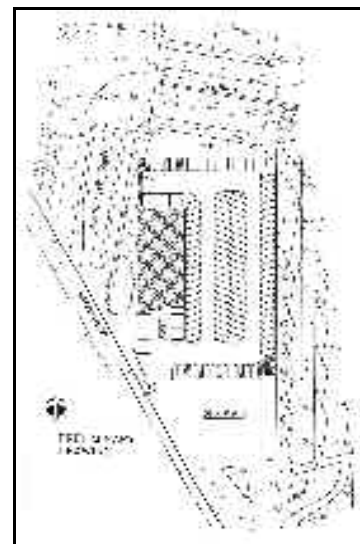
Little Italy had a ceremonial groundbreaking for Piazza Basilone, which will honor WWII hero John Basilone as well as the "boys of Little Italy" who have defended their country with military service.



Old Town Parking Improvements

Preliminary concepts regarding a parking structure near the transit station in Old Town have begun to circulate at the Old Town Planning Board. At far right is one of the possible configurations, which will be multi-level parking and will include the potential for a beach "guideway" station.

Possible models for the structure include the Anacapa garage in downtown Santa Barbara, shown in the drawing and above photograph. Funding sources still need to be identified.



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renovations that will allow mothers and children to be housed. All will be case-managed, with meals and job training provided.

Neighbors and developers have provided architectural services, landscaping design and additional funds for the project. Nate Bosa, owner of Bosa Development, met with Councilmember Wear to discuss the impacts on his neighboring condominium project, with units selling upwards of \$500,000. Bosa's support was demonstrated as he testified before the City Council. Bosa development recently donated \$210,000 to the project. When the final phase is completed, it will include a tot lot and a community room.

CCDC staff has recommended the following projects as priorities:

Apartments

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| 12th & Market | 130 units proposed by Trammel Crow |
| Entrada Apts. | 137 units proposed by SAS Development |
| Rachel's Place | 24 units proposed by Catholic Charities and OliverMcMillan |

Rent Restrictions

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| Areawide | Secure affordable units in market rate developments |
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SRO Hotels

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| Core Area | 213-269 new rooms proposed by Trilogy |
| Elm St. Residences | 54 rehabilitated rooms proposed by Ruben Andrews |
| Palms Hotel | 74 rehabilitated rooms proposed by JMI |
| YMCA | 260 rehabilitated rooms proposed by Barone Galasso |

Meet Our Staff Members

When you call for an appointment in District 2, you most likely will speak with Millie Howard, who is the scheduler and office coordinator. Millie was scheduler for former Councilmember Barbara Warden and has had many years of experience with the City of San Diego, including the Clean Water Program and Financial Management department.

Francine Phillips has been with District 2 for almost 2 years. She has been a journalist and author, with an expertise in downtown political issues. Francine represents the downtown areas of East Village, Gaslamp Quarter, Marina, Little Italy and the Core. She is the liaison with CCDC and is the legislative aide for the Rules Committee as well as the City Council meetings.



Millie Howard is the scheduler and office coordinator for District 2. Millie has many years of experience with the City of San Diego.



Francine Phillips is the Legislative Aide, in charge of the Council Docket as well as being Downtown Council Representative.

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Wear Takes Lead On Council Sea World Vote

The City Council discussion and vote on the Sea World Master Plan Update took up much of the July 10 meeting, with nearly 200 members of the public coming to speak directly to the councilmembers about their preferences. Councilmember Peters moved approval of the staff recommendation, then Councilmember Wear had the opportunity to add amendments that addressed many of the community concerns about height, noise and traffic.

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Wear's amendments recommended the following:

Hotel: Sea World had proposed a hotel configuration that was expanded to 90 ft. and more than 550 rooms. Wear's motion denied any expansion of their current entitlement of 300 rooms with a 30 ft. maximum height. In addition, Wear requested a 10 year moratorium on the building of any hotel. Sea World agreed to the request.

Project Review Process: Wear moved that all projects exceeding 30 ft. in height would be required to have a Level 2 review, which requires public noticing and review by the Planning Commission. Sea World had asked for a 60 ft. height on projects before triggering the Level 2 preview.

Education Attractions: Wear's motion included a provision that a minimum of 75 percent of Sea World's total attractions should include educational and/or animal conservation-related elements.

Transit/Traffic: Wear supported the recommendation of the Planning Commission to include language that would require Sea World to provide adequate right-of-way on its leasehold for future construction of a transit link to the beach areas and underwrite the cost to design and construct the Sea World Transit Station of such a link.

All of the Wear proposals were adopted by the City Council, as well as limitations on the number of nights that fireworks could be utilized. Wear's proposal to have a portion of the Sea World revenues designated for Mission Bay Park Improvements did not pass the full Council.